



Legislative Policy Committee Protocols 2023

Each year, the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) develops a legislative policy statement. As a part of that process, the KAC establishes a legislative policy committee. The KAC's legislative policy committee (LPC) is comprised of the KAC governing board and one official selected by each of the associate organizations.

The KAC legislative policy statement is not a list of legislation that KAC intends to pursue for passage. Instead, the legislative policy statement is a broad document meant to provide guidance to the KAC lobbying team when determining the KAC position on changing legislative proposals and amendments. These broad statements allow the lobbying team to make decisions at the speed of the legislative process.

The LPC meets during the summer months to develop the KAC legislative policy statement, which guides the KAC position on potential legislation during the legislative session. This year, the LPC met two times in public meetings, July 27, 2022 and August 31, 2022. During these meetings, the KAC LPC heard legislative proposals from Riley County, Reno County, Allen County, and the Kansas County Treasurers Association. The Policy Committee also took comments during meetings from Jefferson County, Pottawatomie County, Phillips County, and the Kansas County Sheriff's Association.

Each of these proposals was reviewed and discussed during the meeting. KAC Deputy Director Jay Hall added language to the legislative policy statement to propose to the LPC during its meeting on August 31, 2022. This final language was amended and approved at the August 31, 2022 meeting. That language is before you now for final approval.

Preliminary Discussion of Statement. The recommended Legislative Policy Statement shall be presented and discussed during the Annual KAC Conference at a meeting of the membership. The draft policy statement shall be presented by the KAC's Legislative Services Director, Executive Director and/or their designees. Questions and comments from the floor may not exceed three (3) minutes in length. The time limit is strictly enforced. At the time of the policy statement review, the KAC Legislative Policy Committee may amend the policy statement, if it chooses. Motions by the Legislative Policy Committee to amend the draft policy statement may be made during the review. A majority vote of the committee is necessary to amend the policy statement.

Adoption of the Statement. The draft policy statement (with changes, if any) shall be adopted at the KAC annual business meeting. At the business meeting, KAC staff will summarize the policy statement, highlighting the legislative priorities and any changes made after the meeting described above. Any audience member may offer discussion not to exceed three (3) minutes in length. However, only voting delegates shall make and second motions to adopt or amend the policy statement. Adoption of the final KAC Legislative Policy Statement is accomplished by a majority vote of counties voting at the business meeting during the annual conference.